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## SHOOT HUN ANY WHERE YOU CAN

Judge Graham Tells Soldiers All Rules of Civilized War Have Been Suspended.

## KILL GERMANS ANY WAY.

Don't Think Tazewell Boys Will Ever See Berlin, Because Kaiser Will Give Up Before They Get There.

Instead of having the "send-off" for the 60 boys who went to Camp Tuesday at the train as usual, the affair was transferred to the Court House, the weather being cold and disagreeable outside.

The men were assembled at the Court House at 5 p. m., and addressed by Judge Graham. The meeting was begun by the choir, led by Mrs. Higginbotham, singing America. J. W. Chapman introduced Judge Graham. The Judge wore his old Confederate grey uniform, the very sight of which called back memories of a half century ago, when Judge Graham and many other boys from Tazewell marched away to fight for their Southland.

Judge Graham spoke for half an hour, reciting the exploits of various warriors, and always wound up his sentences with denunciations of the "Huns" or "Boches." He called to mind the fact that during the civil war when a soldier fell wounded, he was left to his comrades for succor and relief—not so now, for the American Red Cross Society is standing at your back to catch you when you fall and tenderly nurse you back to health. He spoke of the cruelty of the Germans to the wounded soldiers of their enemies, and said, "Boys, be kind to the 'Hun' if you find him wounded, but kill him first if you can."

Judge Graham recited the valor of the French soldiers, and said, "God Almighty will as surely uphold the Tri-Color of France as the sun comes above the horizon."

The Judge said that it was no longer a matter for discussion now as to whether the United was justified or had good reason for entering the war. The United States may have been wrong in entering the conflict, but that's not a matter for discussion, the motto of every true American now being, "My Country, Right or Wrong, My Country."

"Evidence" was introduced by the speaker to prove that the statement made that the United States could not be successful in a war conducted so far from its base, was untrue, citing numerous incidents in which "history had been reversed" and that even if it were a fact that no country had ever been successful in war at so great a distance from its base of operations, this was one war when that bit of history was going to be reversed.

"It used to be considered cowardice to shoot a man in the back," said the speaker, "but if you boys get a chance, shoot the Boche wherever you can."

"You boys will never see Berlin, unless you go there on a pleasure trip, because the day you cross the Rhine, Kaiser Bill is going to fall down on his knees and cry for mercy," was the opinion of the speaker. In closing the address he said, "May the God of Destiny guide and protect you."

The sixty men were taken to the station in automobiles, followed by a large crowd of people. The men were in charge of Fugate C. White, of this town, assisted by Charles Gose, of Burke's Garden.

## Judge Graham, Mr. Werth and Mr. Muncy Speak at Theatre.

The soldiers of the New National Army were guests of Mr. Frank Witten at the New Theatre Monday evening, when they were treated to patriotic addresses and a five reel picture, "Submarine D.".

The young men, or embryo soldiers, as some of the speakers called them, marched to the theatre, led by County Clerk, C. W. Grever, who is also clerk of the local board. The men were provided with reserved seats.

Judge S. C. Graham was called up, and after stating that he had been commandeered by the ladies to address the men at the train Tuesday evening, and consequently had to abridge his remarks at that time, he paid a beautiful tribute to the women of the Red Cross, whom he termed "angels of mercy," and further said that no undertaking in which the women had set themselves to had ever proven a failure, and that the cause in which we are now engaged would not be an exception.

Mr. Werth followed Judge Graham, and reviewed the history of the German rulers, and their efforts to conquer the world and banish democracy from the face of the earth. He impressed upon the young men of the new army the fact that they were not simply soldiers with the sole mission of crushing their enemy, but soldiers of freedom, fighting for the same principles that their fathers and grandfathers fought for in years past and gone. The principles at issue today are the same as those which were settled at Yorktown," said the speaker. "The young men are going from the shores of the United States as apostles of freedom—that the world may be made safe for future generations." Mr. Werth's address are not mere words or advice to others as to what their conduct should be, for he has two sons—the only children—in the service today—one in the famous "Rainbow" Division, and the other at Camp Lee.

Mr. Thos. J. Munsey, Republican candidate for Governor, was called to the speakers stand, and made a short address. His speech wasn't calculated to make you believe that the war will end tomorrow, or that the United States' part in the affair was insignificant. He gave it as his opinion that this country is now facing the gravest crisis in its history, and that in all probability the pinch of war will reach every home and every individual in the land before long.

"The United States, to be successful in this war must reverse history," said the speaker. "No country has ever been successful in battle whose base of operation was far distant." He cited the Napoleonic wars, the war of the rebellion, the Spanish American war, and others conflicts. However, he asserted that the United States would be successful in this war beyond a doubt, but that to do so will require the supreme efforts of every man, woman and child in this country.

Mr. Muncy's opinion was that the question of transportation, of both soldiers and food supplies, was the gravest problem now facing this country and the allied nations, and that this question had been responsible for the result of wars in previous years—a question of operating too far from base. The fact seems to have been overlooked by the speaker that the nations of the world have made more progress in shipbuilding and transportation within the past few years than in the past century and that the methods of construction have kept well ahead of the modes of destruction in all the allied countries. Distances are no longer a vital question with the nations of the world. Uncle Sam today has under contract and building over twelve hundred steamers, and the allied nations are turning them out of the shipyards in untold numbers.

## MR. MUNCY ADDRESSES LARGE CROWD HERE TUESDAY.

There was a good crowd in town Tuesday, many country people coming in to see the boys off to camp, and others to hear Mr. Muncy speak. Mr. Muncy delivered his address in the Court House, which was filled, all the boys in the draft and many ladies helping to make up the crowd.

Mr. Muncy was introduced by Ex-Senator Harman, who worked himself into a frenzy over the "iniquitous and murderous" Virginia election laws. In addressing his remarks to the men of the new army who were present, "A little crowd of Virginians has disfranchised you soldiers and robbed you of your manhood. I would not stand for it. You are required to register for the army, but you are not permitted to register to vote."

## WOMEN CALLED TO FEED SOLDIERS

Government Asks Aid of Housewives in Saving Food For the Men Soon to Be in Trenches

## MILLIONS WASTED DAILY.

Conservation is Absolutely Necessary to Prevent Our Boys and Our Allies Boys From Going Hungry.

An important meeting is to be held in the Court House today at 1 p. m. which should be largely attended. Mr. H. R. Hawthorne, County chairman of the National Pledge card campaign, issues this call to the thirty members of the committee, which has named, representing the different sections of the county. Notices of their appointment and also of today's meeting of the entire county committee have been mailed out this week by Chairman Hawthorne, and also a personal letter to each member, urging a full attendance, and also stating the object of the campaign. Briefly, the object of the campaign is to secure the signature of every housewife in the county to a pledge card, which reads as follows:

To the Food Administrator: "I am glad to join in the service of food conservation for our nation, and I hereby accept membership in the United States Food Administration, pledging myself to carry out the directions and advice of the Food Administrator in my home—in so far as my circumstances permit."

This is all. There are no dues or fees.

The great demands made upon the United States for food for our own large army, and to help feed our allies overseas, make food saving of the utmost importance. Should the war continue several years it will be necessary, not only to avoid waste, but, as in France and England, to cut down and reduce the amount of our daily consumption of food. The amount of supplies necessary to feed several million soldiers is almost inconceivable. It must be that it can be done, by prudence and care in the conservation of food stuffs.

Take this example: There are in Virginia 450 thousand families, about. One ounce of flour—enough for one biscuit—saved daily in each family, means 450 thousand ounces, which means 150 barrels of flour per day.

Allowing one barrel of flour a year to each soldier, this saving of an ounce of flour in each family the State every day will feed 150 men a year. Now multiply this 150 barrels of flour saved daily in Virginia by 365 and you have the unbelievable, astonishing number of about 54,000 barrels of flour a year. The object of this campaign is to appeal to the women of each county, to try to save, not only an ounce but more, if possible. There is not a family in the State that does not waste as much and more, every day in the year than an ounce of flour. The committee appeals to the women who have control of the larders of the homes. Unless the "women in the kitchens" can be reached and their co-operation secured little or nothing can be accomplished.

A large and enthusiastic meeting is hoped for and looked for this afternoon.

## TAZEWELL CATTLE AT THE RICHMOND FAIR.

The Richmond Times Dispatch of Tuesday, says: "Among the attractive features of the live department at the State Fair is an exhibit of 22 baby calves from Lee county and nine from Tazewell, which were raised by boys and girls and brought to Richmond from the Roanoke Fair. The boys and girls will compete for the \$500 prize, offered by the American National Bank."

The baby calves have been fed and groomed since February 15, and are especially fitted for the fair. The boys and girls who fed them are also here for the fair to show the people how to make a yearling steer weigh as much as a two-year old at much less cost than the old way of producing beef. At Roanoke the exhibit attracted considerable attention.

The average gain of these calves per day has been about two and one-half pounds, and the cost of this gain was about 9 cents per pound. Packers have paid 14-12 cents per pound for fat yearlings, leaving the boys and girls a fair margin of profit.

The exhibitors from Tazewell county are as follows: Claude Kitts, Burke's Garden; Jim Sam Gillespie, David Hurt, John W. Gillespie, Cliffield; Shields Harman, of Tazewell; Martin Harman, Charles Grever, Orby Parks, North Tazewell.

## AUSTIN THOMPSON DEAD.

Austin Thompson, eighty years of age, a well known citizen of this town for many years, died at his home here Monday night about 7 o'clock, after several weeks illness. The funeral and burial took place Wednesday morning in the new cemetery, Rev. W. W. Arrowood being in charge of the services.

Deceased was a gallant Confederate soldier, volunteering at the outbreak of the war in Company K, 45 Virginia Infantry, and fought through the entire struggle with honor to himself. A number of his confederates in that struggle are still living here, and testify to his bravery and fearlessness.

## TESTAMENTS ORDERED FOR DEPARTING SOLDIERS.

Quite a number of the copies of the Soldiers and Sailors' Testaments, advertised in this paper, were ordered this week. Rev. Mr. Rickman, the Baptist pastor at Poehontas, ordered a half dozen copies to be presented to boys in camp. Has your soldier boy a copy?

## NOTICE TO REGISTRARS.

The registrars of the county are requested to send to me at once the number of men who have applied to vote by mail at their precinct, in order that I may secure the ballots and make any other arrangements necessary. G. W. DOAK, Chairman Electoral Board.

## ATTENTION, HUNTERS!

The Board of Supervisors, at a recent session, passed the following resolution: Be it resolved that all restrictions heretofore entered by this Board on hunting, killing, capturing or having in possession, quail, partridges, in possession, quail or partridges in Tazewell county, be and the same are hereby set aside and annulled. Be it further resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell county as follows:

1st. That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill or capture in any manner, or have in possession any quail or partridges in Tazewell county between November 2nd and the 25th of December following.

2nd. That it shall be unlawful for any person to kill or capture in any manner in Tazewell county more than twenty quail or partridges on any day during the open season in said county.

3rd. Any person violating any of the provisions of this resolution shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Justice or jury trying the case.

## PROMOTIONS FOR TAZEWELL BOYS.

In a private letter from L. E. Gardner, who was attached to the recruiting office during the summer, conveys the information that three of the Tazewell boys who joined Company D while at Cedar Bluff, Peery, Totten and Horne have been promoted. The first two were made corporals and Horne a first class private.

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## To Our Knitters.

From every section of the county come calls for yarn. From those who know best the needs of our army come all the time, calls for knitted articles. It seems too bad that we cannot keep all who want to knit busy, but so it is all over the country. Mills are kept so busy supplying factories and filling orders we have to wait till our turn comes. At last we are told that yarn is on the way, (after wiring time and again in regard to it) and we hope soon to be ready to give it out.

## RED CROSS PURCHASING COMMITTEE.

Gov. Stuart Commends Tazewell.

Gov. Stuart commends our Red Cross chapter for the way in which it starts the Tazewell boys to the war. In contrast to the lack of attention given the boys in many counties, he says, Tazewell is distinguishing herself.